

**LUZERNE COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS AND REGISTRATION  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

Wednesday, November 14, 2018

In Attendance: Peter Ouellette, Vice-Chair, Keith Gould, Anne Davies, Attorney Michael Mey, Secretary, Attorney Michael Butera, Solicitor, Director Marisa Crispell and Assistant Director Steininger

**Visitors: None**

The meeting took place in Suite 301, Courtroom D, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor of Penn Place,

Luzerne County Board of Election called to order at 4:30pm by the Vice-Chair Peter Ouellette, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance of the Flag.

A motion was made to approve the minutes of Wednesday, October 3, 2018 by Keith Gould, seconded by Michael Mey, all in favor.

**PUBLIC COMMENT** None

**NEW BUSINESS** None

**DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Director Crispell stated that during the general election, a number of polling places reported complaints that were attributable to calibration errors with the voting machines. Complaints were made of "vote flipping" versus calibration errors and it was her opinion that these issues were exclusively calibration errors. Apparently the issue arose during an attempt to make a straight party vote and that voters were still able to vote for individual candidates without issue.

She also reported that of the 220 electronic polling books there were 15 reported problems primarily with tablets not being charged. She stated that the provider of the books, ESS, would provide a root cause analysis and then make recommendations for correction which will then be presented to the board and Mr. Parsnick.

The director also reported that board member, Keith Gould, worked his polling place receiving hands-on experience. Mr. Gould reported that he thought that the touch on the stylus was too light and that the cord was too short.

The director renewed the issue of the need for election, there were 458 late ballots, 500 ballots not returned and a tremendous issue with treatment by the public of the election Bureau staff.

**SOLICITOR'S REPORT**

Attorney Butera reported that both the Republican National and State Committees and Democrat National and State Committees called during the General election to complain about alleged improper electioneering. Attorney Butera investigated the complaints, called the identified polling places and received assurances that no further conduct would occur. There were no followup complaints.

Motion was made for adjournment by the Keith Gould, seconded by Mike Mey Next scheduled election board meeting is December 5, 2018 at 4:30 PM.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Upon the adjournment of the regular meeting, an executive session was held for the purpose of discussing a personnel issue at one of the polling places. The issue was explained in great detail by the director and the assistant director with agreement by the board of the actions taken.